

REMARKS

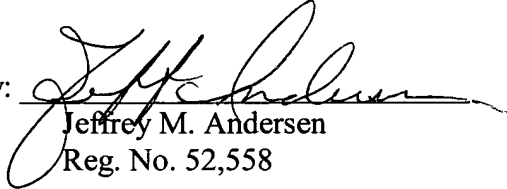
Applicant has reviewed the Restriction Requirement mailed February 24, 2005. Claims 1 through 49 are pending in the application. The Examiner has required election between Invention I, Claims 1-26, Invention II, Claims 27-37 and Invention III, Claims 38-49. Applicant elects Invention I, Claims 1-26 with traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement. Applicant contends that the search and examination of the claim sets directed to Inventions I, II and III (as designated by the Examiner) would necessarily overlap. Therefore, Applicant contends that the claims are sufficiently related so as not to pose an undue burden upon the Examiner and the examination process. Further, Applicant contends that claims of varying breadth may be drafted directed to the same invention in a single application. Applicant should not be forced to divide the invention across multiple applications and it is respectfully requested that the election requirement be withdrawn and that all claims herein be examined together in their entireties.

CONCLUSION

In light of the forgoing, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited. Accordingly, notification to that effect is requested.

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